GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Adulteration in Sweets
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the survey conducted by Society of Pollution and Environmental Conservation Scientists (SPECS) has found sweet shops selling adulterated food items during festivals and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to prevent such practices;

(b) whether the Government has organised outreach programme to sensitise people regarding this issue and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): No such survey report has come to the notice of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Enforcement of the standards for food products and other provisions of the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006 and the rules and the regulations thereunder, is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. Regular surveillance, monitoring and inspection are undertaken by State/UT Governments to check compliance of the provisions of the FSS Act, 2006 and the rules and the regulations thereunder. FSSAI also takes up the issue of effective implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the FSS Act and the rules and the regulations thereunder with the State/UT authorities, through communications and interactions during the meetings of the Central Advisory Committee, inter alia, comprising the Commissioners of Food Safety of all States and UTs.
(b): The stakeholders across the country including consumers are being made aware & educated about various aspects of food safety & hygiene including food labelling, packaging, nutritional information, issues of concern etc. through Safe and Nutritious Food (SNF) campaign covering home, school, workplace and eating out. Under this initiative, consumer education, awareness training and capacity building is the key focus. Consumer are also being made aware through various communication platforms, print and outdoor media campaigns, digital and social media, documentary films, education booklets, stalls at Fairs/Melas/Events and Mass awareness Campaigns etc.
(c): Does not arise.
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